

# San Juan National Forest 2011 FALL COLOR REPORT

Date: **9/30/11**

Estimated Percentage of Current Fall  
Foliage:

**Durango/Missionary Ridge/Purgatory –  
50%**

**Molas Pass – 85%**

**Silverton – 100% aspens**

**Lake City – 95%**

**Ouray/Red Mtn – 70%**

**Pagosa – 35% aspen, 50% oak**

**Dolores/Rico – 40% aspen**

**Mancos – 25% aspens**



**Lime Creek Road and Coal Bank Pass**

Areas with Greatest Amount of Color /  
Recommended Viewing Areas:

**Silverton area and above to Lake City should be peaked. Coal Bank to Molas to Silverton should be great for the weekend. Oakbrush in the river valleys seems to have stalled but the trees are catching up.**

Estimated Peak Viewing Period:

**Highest country will be peak this week sometime.  
Molas Pass is getting close to peak.**

Viewing Suggestions / Tips:

**Silverton is great but may be on the decline by this weekend.  
Other areas and passes are behind but are getting better by the day.  
Lizard Head, Red Mountain and Wolf Creek Passes are still to come.**

Trees That Are Currently Turning Color:

**Aspens, grasses and low scrub oak.**

For More Information on Fall Colors Please Contact:

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